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1. POST NOMINATES JAMES RUSSELL BRETHERTON AS UK PARTICIPANT FOR ENERGY LEADERS IN SEPTEMBER 1974.

2. BRETHERTON IS CURRENTLY MIDDLE RANK OFFICIAL (PRINCIPAL - EQUIVALENT TO FOF FIRST SECRETARY), IN DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. WE HAVE KNOWN HIM FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH HIS WORK DURING

RECENT ENERGY CRISIS. HE IS VERY HIGHLY REGARDED BY HIS SUPERIORS IN DEPT. OF ENERGY FOR WHOSE OPINION WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE RESPECT.

3. DETAILS OF BRETHERTON'S CURRICULUM VITAE ARE GIVEN BELOW. IN BRIEF, HE STUDIED HISTORY AT OXFORD AND THEN WENT TO NIGERIA AS THE BRITISH EQUIVALENT OF A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER WHERE HE EXERCISED CONSIDERABLE RESPONSIBILITY AS DISTRICT OFFICER IN CENTRAL NIGERIA. HE RETURNED TO BRITAIN AND JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE WHERE HE FIRST WORKED UNDER RAY WILMOTT ON GAS QUESTIONS (WILMOTT LATER BECAME ENERGY COUNSELLOR IN UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND IS WELL UNCLASSIFIED

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KNOWN TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH ENERGY).

MORE RECENTLY HE HAS WORKED FOR STEVEN SPAIN, UNDER SECRETARY, OIL POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, AND NOW WORKS FOR JOHN (JOCK) TAYLOR, A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, SECONDED TO DEPT/ENERGY TO RUN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF LEONARD WILLIAMS, DEPUTY SECRETARY. (WILLIAMS AND TAYLOR REPRESENT UK ON ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP AND WERE LEADING MEMBERS OF UK DELEGATION AT WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE). IN WORKING WITH SENIOR LEVEL BRITISH CIVIL SERVANTS, BRETHERTON HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB IN A FIELD WHICH IS RAPIDLY GROWING IN IMPORTANCE. HE HAS ACQUIRED VARIED AND USEFUL EXPERIENCE, PARTICULARLY IN THE HYDROCARBONS FIELD, AND IS REGARDED AS A MIDDLE GRADE OFFICIAL WITH AN EXTREMELY PROMISING FUTURE.

4. FROM US POINT OF VIEW, THIS NOMINATION SHOULD YIELD RICH DIVIDENDS IN FOSTERING BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR VARIED AND COMPLEX ENERGY PICTURE AND ESTABLISHING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG OFFICIALS DEALING WITH ENERGY MATTERS. OVER THE LONGER RUN, EXPOSURE OF ABLE AND RAPIDLY RISING CIVIL SERVANTS TO WAYS IN WHICH THE U.S. DEALS WITH MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS SUCH AS ENERGY POLICY WILL HAVE HIGHLY BENEFICIAL RESULTS.

5. WE ARE WORKING ON AN ALTERNATE CANDIDATE, BUT SUBMIT BRETHERTON'S NAME NOW IN VIEW OF THE VERY TIGHT DEADLINES UNDER WHICH WASHINGTON AGENCIES MUST WORK TO PREPARE THIS PROJECT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 9TH. WE KNOW THAT BRETHERTON WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR THE FULL PERIOD

OFFERED AND THAT AN AWARD TO BRETHERTON WOULD BE APPROVED BY HIS SUPERIORS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. URGE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOMINATION SOONEST.

6. BRETHERTON WAS BORN MARCH 28, 1943. M.A. OXFORD UNIVERSITY. HAS HELD VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: OIL, GAS, ELECTRICITY. 1965-66 ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, NIGERIA.

7. COST OF FULL 30 DAY GRANT PLUS 100 DOLLARS
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